(b) The details of these health centres as on 31.12.95 in Meghalaya is as under:

Sub-centres	333
PHCs	88
CHCs	10

Adhocism in the Ministry and its undertakings

1956. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether rampant adhocism seems to be the order of the day as most organisations under the administrative control of the Civil Aviation Ministry have several key posts still lying vacant as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 19th November, 1996;

(b) whether there is no full time head for Airport Authority of India and Director-General of Civil Aviation apart from both Air India and Indian Airlines and that three Member level posts are todate still vacant; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor indicating what action his Ministry has till date taken in this regard keeping in view (i) the recent mid-air collision of two aircrafts over Charkhi Dadri and (ii) the Purulia incident in the past?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir. Processing of appointments to Senior level posts in Public Secor Undertakings normally takes some time.

(b) and (c) The post of Chairman, Airports Authority of India fell vacant on 14.10.96 and the administrative Joint Secretary is holding charge till a regular incumbent is appointed. The Joint Director General of Civil Aviation is discharging the functions of Director General of Civil Aviation and the post will be filled in due course, in accordance with the recruitment rules. Both Air India and Indian Airlines have full-time Managing Director. Out of the four posts of full-time Members in the Airports Authority of India one has already been filled and proposals for appointment to other three posts are being processed. Neither the Purulia incident nor the recent mid-air collision near Delhi airport can be linked with the filling of these posts.

Awarding of Contract to A.V. Productions

1957. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a representative of A.V. Productions was awarded the contract for Audio-Visual presentations of meetings with Consultative Committee, Standing Committee with the Ministry;

(b) if so, the total amount paid to the representatives of the A.V. Productions during the last one year;

(c) whether the Air India's PR/Publicity department does not have the competency to make the said Audio-Visual presentations; and

(d) whether Air India's Finances permit such expenditure on account of awarding of such contracts for Audio-Visual presentation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) A.V. India and A.V. Consultants were awarded the job of producing the audio visual presentations by Air India.

(b) The total amount paid to this firm during November, 1995 to October, 1996 was about Rs. 9.00 lakhs.

(c) and (d) Air India is not equipped to make such presentations in-house.

Inefficient communications and response at Indian Airlines offices at Hyderabad

1958. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air passengers in Hyderabad feel the burden of inefficient communications and response at the Indian Airlines offices;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to monitor, inspect and supervise the Indian Airlines Staff at airports to properly meet public queries for flight informations;

(c) whether management of Indian Airlines examined the service performed by Indian Airlines personnel in Hyderabad;

(d) steps proposed to improve service of Indian Airlines in Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Staff are being imparted necessary training on communication skills as well as customer relations. Indian Airlines also have floor walkers for assisting the passengers at the airport. Passenger Facilitation Assistants are also available to take care of the invalid passengers and unaccompanied minors.

Representation by PHDCCI regarding restoring excise duty benefit to small paper

1959. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has urged Government to save small paper manufacturers by restoring the excise duty benefit available till recently;

(b) if so, whether the small paper manufacturers in the country are on the verge of collapse due to excise duty imposition; and

(c) if so, the further reaction of Government on such representation by PHDCCI?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry had requested the Government to reduce excise duty on paper, paperboard, etc. made from at least 75% unconventional raw materials, from 10% to the pre-Budget level of 5% advalorem on the ground that the increased duty affected the competitiveness of small paper mills.

(b) and (c) The Government, in the consideration stage of the Budget acceded partially to the demands of small paper mills and prescribed 5% ad valorem excise duty on such paper for first clearances of 10,000 MT in a financial year. In the current financial year, the limit is prescribed at 5,000 MT to be calculated from 11th September, 1996. In view of this there may not be any hardship to small paper mills.

Guidelines of Planning Commission for undertaking Tourism Centres

1960. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any guidelines of the Planning Commission for undertaking Tourism Centres;

(b) the steps taken up by Government for development of the National Tourism Centres in the country; and

(c) whether the Zugo Valley which is famous for different species of flowers, fauna and flora of the Senapathi District of Manipur near the Nagaland border can be developed as a National Tourism Centre?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM: (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) Development of Tourism Centres is primarily the responsibility of the State/Union territory Governments. However, the Department of Tourism provides central financial assistance to State/Union Territory Governments for Tourism projects which fall within the guidelines drawn by Department of Tourism.

The Department has not received any proposal from Government of Manipur to develop Zugo Valley.